

EXHIBIT A

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1. An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is required in order to make an examiner's amendment which places this application in condition for allowance. During a telephone conversation conducted on 03/12/2001, requested an extension of time for Two MONTH(S) and authorized the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No.13-1227 the required fee of \$195.00 for this extension and authorized the following examiner's amendment. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. The application has been amended as follows: Claim # 2, 3, 4, 5, 15 amend to change the dependency from cancelled claim 1 to allowed claim 18 then cancel claim 1.

( Cancel Claim 1. )

Claim 2 Line 1, change "1" to --18--

Claim 3 line 1, change "1" to --18--

Claim 4 line 1, change "1" to --18--

Claim 5 line 1, change "1" to --18--

Claim 15 line 1, change "1" to --18--

Claim 17 line 1 change "16" to--18--

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